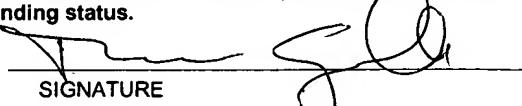


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  PCT/JP2003/010616	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  22 August 2003 (22.08.2003)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
TITLE OF INVENTION  <b>HOLDING DEVICE</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US  <b>Hiroshi Niwa, Fumiuki Onoda, Michio Sato and Akira Taniguchi</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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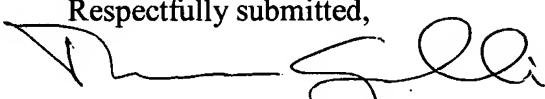
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